

Constitutional Convention Proposed By Nonpartisans

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR STATE ADVOCATION

League Caucus This Week Probably Will Endorse Calling of Special Assembly

WOULD PAVE WAY FOR PROGRESSIVE REFORMS

Idea is to so Revise Constitution as to Carry out Organization's Program

The convening of a constitutional convention March 1, 1917, will be the most important matter to be discussed at the Non-Partisan league caucus to be held here this week.

Announcement to this effect was made today by a prominent local league leader.

Except by an occasional amendment, North Dakota's constitution has undergone little change since its adoption by the first constitutional convention, provided for in the enabling act approved by congress February 22, 1889. Delegates to this convention were elected in May, 1889, to the number of 75, and they assembled in Bismarck and organized July 4, 1889. The constitution which they framed was adopted October 1, 1889, by a vote of 27,441 to 8,107.

To Pave the Way. The purpose for which the new constitutional convention is proposed is a general revision of the constitution which will pave the way for the ultra-progressive program adopted by the Non-Partisan league and approved by a majority of members of both houses of the Fifteenth general assembly.

If a bill providing for the assembling of a constitutional convention passes both houses, the governor may then by proclamation call a special election for the selection of delegates to the convention. The results of the deliberations of these delegates will be embodied in a proposed draft of a new constitution, which must be published for three months and then submitted to a vote of the people, and which, upon approval of a majority of the electors voting will be referred to the legislative assembly to be chosen at the next general election, with whose agreement to each of its articles the constitution will be adopted.

POPE PRAISES WILSON'S NOTE SWISS IN ACTION

(Associated Press) Pope Benedict, according to reports today, in speaking to Cardinal Gasparri, cabling the secretary of state, regarding the president's note to belligerents, said:

"It is a document showing the honesty, justice and far-sightedness of the American president."

A Havas dispatch from Bern says that it is believed in certain circles there that the Swedish government is about to approach the belligerents on the subject of peace in the same way as the Swiss president.

The Journal de Geneve, of Geneva, discussing the note sent by President Wilson to the belligerent powers, gives warm praise to the president.

"Whatever results Wilson obtains," the Journal says, "we Swiss and other neutrals must thank this good president. President Wilson has dared to propose something precise in order to realize his specific aspirations. He has caused, during this dark Christmas, a gleam of hope in a gloomy sky."

FINDEN HERO IS TAKEN PRISONER

(United Press)

Berlin, Dec. 25. An Overseas News agency dispatch states, according to private reports from Switzerland, that Captain Carl von Mueller, commander of the German cruiser Emden, destroyed by the Australian cruiser Sydney early in the war, has been taken prisoner and is being transferred from Malta to England.

LAST RITES OF CHURCH ADMINISTERED BISHOP KIGHTER IN MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 25. The death of Bishop Henry J. Richter, of the diocese of Grand Rapids, who was stricken with pneumonia, is feared hourly, according to a report from his physician this morning. He grew steadily worse during the night and shortly after 9 a. m. lapsed into unconsciousness. The last rites of the church have been administered.

Hangs Himself With Rope on Xmas Gift

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 25. With a rope taken from a Christmas package, Gus Nelson, age 55, hanged himself last night in the lobby of a hotel here, while five men stood by, waiting for the police to arrive. Had they cut him down, they probably would have saved his life, the police say. The dead man is said to have been despondent because he was alone on Christmas Eve and without funds. He had a brother in South Dakota, a farmer.

STATE'S WHEAT PRODUCTION 1916 39,325,000 BUS.

Price Prevailing December 1 Was \$1.52 Compared With 87 Cents Last Year

CORN YIELD FOR 1916 13,615,000 BUSHELS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 25. A summary of estimates of the crop production and prices for North Dakota compiled by the bureau of crop estimates shows that the total spring wheat production for 1916 was 39,325,000 bushels on an acreage of 7,150,000, compared with a total production of 15,170,000 bushels on an acreage of 3,350,000 in 1915, or a decrease of 11,675,000 bushels. The price prevailing Dec. 1, 1915, was 87 cents, compared with \$1.52 for the corresponding time this year.

Big Increase in Corn. An increase of 3,715,000 bushels is noted in the corn production, the total yield for 1916 on an acreage of 510,000 being 13,615,000 bushels, compared with a total production of 9,900,000 bushels on an acreage of 700,000 for 1915. The prevailing price Dec. 1, 1916, was 31 cents, and for the corresponding time last year, 67 cents. Other crop production figures are as follows:

	1916	1915
Potatoes	6,975,000	7,200,000
Hay	884,000	660,000
Oats	2,500,000	2,450,000
Barley	26,738,000	46,400,000
Rye	4,655,000	4,200,000

NEW CHILD OF STATE SCHOOLS NAME'S AIDS

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 25. N. C. Macdonald, state superintendent-elect of public instruction, yesterday announced the three major appointments he will make after taking office.

To succeed Mr. Macdonald himself as state inspector of consolidated, graded and rural schools he will appoint Edward Erickson of Grafton, at present county superintendent of the Walsh county schools.

The appointment of deputy state superintendent has been offered to Morris Johnson Kernell, formerly a professor in Valley City Normal.

Miss Helen Sullivan, for the past two years in charge of the boys' and girls' industrial club work in the extension department of the Agricultural college, will be appointed assistant state superintendent.

WARTIME MAN CIVILIAN LIFE TO PNEUMONIA CAUSE

Paris, Dec. 25. Howard Burchard Lines, a graduate of Dartmouth and the Harvard law school, son of Dr. E. H. Lines, and a volunteer of the American ambulance, has just died in the Argonne of acute pneumonia. He contracted the disease while on service at the front.

Wishing You The Best of Christmases

The Tribune extends to its friends everywhere heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous, and happy New Year. The Tribune trusts that this most gracious of all holidays may find good cheer and contentment in every home which it visits; that the day's blessings may fall upon all of its friends, and the Christmas spirit abound everywhere. The Tribune on this joyous day echoes the friendly sentiment of Tiny Tim: "God bless us, everyone."

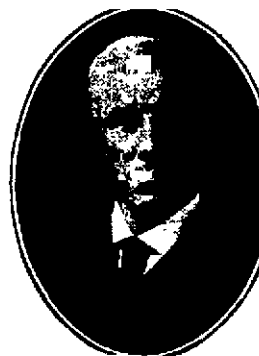
Burleigh County's Good-Looking Delegation To State Assembly



CAROL D. KING, MENOKEN Member of Senate.



GEORGE N. VARNUM, MENOKEN Representative.



L. D. BAILEY, MOFFIT Representative.

SNOW FLURRIES ACCOMPANY OLD NICK TO CITY

Scores of "Kiddies" Made Happy At Early Hour This Morning

RE-SHINING AND STORING UNKAPED IN WHITE DOWN

One Hundred Poor Children Fed at Van Horn Cafe Kettles Not \$123.33

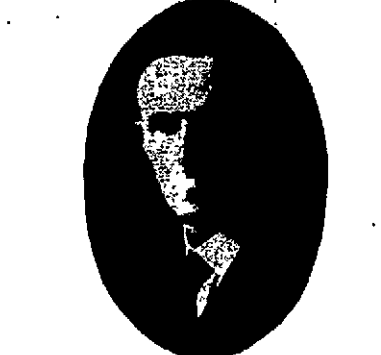
Candles were kindled in scores of Bismarck homes last evening and hundreds of "kiddies" were made happy this morning, when they arose early and beheld their stockings chucked plump full. It was a great Christmas morning in the homes. On the streets scarcely a soul moved. Passing the various homes early this morning, little tots in their pajamas could be seen romping and playing on the floor in the light of the tree with their rocking horse, their doll or some other gift that Santa left in his trip through the city last evening.

Storm Ushers Great Day In. A snowstorm ushered Christmas into Bismarck and the state. Snow flurries, driven by a stiff northeast wind, dressed the residences and the business houses of the city in a holiday suits of white, adding to the spirit of the day. Few Christmas bells were to be heard on the streets. Instead, automobiles filled by carrying guests to the different homes where they spent the day. The jolles of the leading hotels seemed deserted. To-night a transition, however, will be noted, when Christmas throngs will partake of the Christmas dinners, big preparations having been made both at the Grand Pacific, the McKenzie and Van Horn.

Many Christmas Eve Parties. Many Christmas Eve parties were held in the various homes of the city, and exercises held in the churches and at the state penitentiary. At the state institution some 222 convicts assembled for more than an hour last night and celebrated the birth of the Christ Child. At the hotels were several parties. In many of the cities of the state, such as Fargo, Valley City, Mandan, Minot and other points municipal exercises were held, the attendance being somewhat checked by the cold wave. On the Northern Pacific No. 1, which arrived at 8:05 this morning, due in here at 11:35 last evening, Santa Claus romped with the travelers in the Pullmans and the dining cars. He was also aboard train No. 3, which pulled in here at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, and has wired ahead that he will be in train No. 4, due at 4:40 o'clock.

The Poor Enjoy Big Spread. One hundred little tots from the poor families, and among them were newbies and orphans, piled into the big auto bus owned by McGillis & Wallace of the Van Horn hotel, early this afternoon, and were conveyed in dozen lots to the Van Horn cafeteria under the direction of Assistant Captain Rhody of the Salvation army, where they tucked napkins under their chins and "filled" up on soup, roast turkey, cranberries, bread, ice cream, and coffee. That was the menu provided for the children of the poor by the city management. Not a tot in the city was slighted. Jimmy and Mary both rubbed their "tummies" as they left the cafe, both admitting that "it was some feed." A few of the youngsters didn't forget to show their appreciation, and despite the big load they carried, toted up to Bougas brothers and expressed their thanks and wished 'em a Merry Christmas. But some of the "kiddies" were too full to utter another word. The management understood and they were pardoned.

Captain Murphy as Santa. Captain James Murphy of the Salvation army was the Santa Claus of the hour. Last night he personally directed the distribution of 31 baskets to the needy, 21 pairs of shoes and eight pairs of rubbers; also, a large amount of stockings and underwear. Toys, candles, nuts and fruit accompanied the baskets for the children in the families. Tonight a Christmas tree program will be held at the barracks and an interesting program will be rendered. Santa Claus will be (Continued on page two.)



FRANK G. PRATER, ARENA Representative.

County Has Selected Four Representatives Who Show Up Well

RUBIN'S AND PRATER ARE COMPLETING IN CHOICE

Senator King May Regain Success As Merchant; Prater, Varnum, Bailey Farmers

Burleigh county has every reason to expect good, constructive service from its legislative delegation to the Fifteenth general assembly. The four men who were swept to victory by such tremendous majorities last November are known as loyal citizens of the county, men of experience, and of sound knowledge of the practical needs of their districts.

Expression of Confidence. The confidence which their fellow-citizens repose in them was indicated at the election, when Carol D. King of Menoken received 1,790 votes for the state senate to 528 for his opponent. For representatives, L. D. Bailey of Arena, 1,924, and George N. Varnum, 1,724, while the highest vote received by any of their opponents was 492.

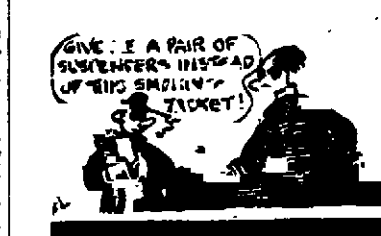
Farming and Business. Each of the four Burleigh county legislators is a practical, successful farmer. Senator Carol D. King's farm near Menoken is one of the finest in the county. Representative Varnum has a splendid place near the same village, and Representative Frank G. Prater is known as one of the most progressive and successful agriculturists of the Arena region. Representative L. D. Bailey came to Burleigh county at a date when the buffalo still disputed possession, and he has been actively engaged in farming ever since. All of these men have also been prominent in Farmers' union or other co-operative movements. They have given much study to the business situation in their district and state, and when they come to vote upon matters involving commerce and transportation they may be depended upon to use good judgment.

CLASH FEARED AT JUAN / CITY

(By United Press.)

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 25. An American here, known as a close friend of Francisco Villa, claimed yesterday that he had received information that when Villa's forces occupied Torreon, the bandit chief gave orders to commanders not to harm lives and property of foreigners. Villa is not at Torreon in person, but was said to be in the vicinity of Bermelillo.

A clash between forces of General Jose Murguia and General Gonzalez is feared. Christmas celebration is responsible for much intoxication at Torreon and feeling between the two commands is bitter. The two generals are hostile and before the celebrations are over, trouble, it is feared, will result.



DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SWAPPING EARLY!

CANADIANS MAKE UNIQUE RAID ON TRENCHES

Celebrate Day Before Christmas In Capturing Dugouts on Line of 400 Yards

GERMANS GIVE "KAMMERAD" AS SOLDIERS MAKE CHARGE

Believed That New Phase of Manoeuvring Will Change Future Tactics

With the British army in advance December 24, via London Dec. 25. (From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.) North of Arras certain Canadian troops have just accomplished what the British officers declare marks a new phase in trench warfare. With a raid race, they succeeded in putting out of action, temporarily at least, an entire battalion of German infantry.

Take Prisoners. They took 59 prisoners, including one commissioned officer, and estimated that they killed 150 Germans in dugouts which were blown to atoms after their occupants refused to surrender. The Canadian losses were extremely light. The raid took place at three o'clock in the afternoon on a front of 400 yards. The German prisoners admit that they were taken completely by surprise.

The officer captured said he was convinced something was about to happen, but believed the attack was coming on Christmas eve. He reported to the higher command but received no report. The Canadians, from the plains of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, established themselves well forward so that when the artillery ceased their preparatory fire they were in the front line trenches in less than two minutes. The officers in command, who were reporting the raid by telephone, said "they're off," before he had time to say "they're in." Consternation reigned among the Germans, who scrambled for the saps and dugouts leading to the rear trenches, while the Canadians pelted them with hand grenades.

Cry "Kammerad." Caught unprepared, many Germans in the front line offered no resistance, but threw up their hands with cries of "Kammerad." Others were taken as they fled for the second and third line before the Canadians pushed on to the second trenches.

About 20 dugouts were destroyed by Canadians, several with bombs captured from the Germans. One of the officers engaged said:

"As we entered the trenches, many Germans broke for the dugouts. Many who did were subsequently well cared for. Each of our men were given definite instructions for his precise attack and the mass of the enemies' trenches, which proved absolutely correct. Each man knew every detail of the proposed operation. They entered the fight with great cheers. When they came out, two hours later, they were singing and as happy as school boys on a holiday. The newness and dispatch with which the raid was carried out were unique. The artillery co-operation of the British guns worked to perfection. Beautifully placed curtains of fire prepared our advance and creeping forward protected us, as they proceeded to absolutely demolish the enemy's trenches. The program had given the men an hour and a half for the work, but the clean-out was accomplished within an hour and ten minutes and the raiders signalled they were ready to return to their own trenches."

CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION ON MEXICAN BATTLE LINES LAST EVENING

Berlin, by wireless, Dec. 25. Last night was generally calm on the Franco-Belgian front, army headquarters announced today. The statement reads: "Western Front: There were artillery duels of temporary severity in the Suedde sector. With the remaining armies, the activity did not pass the usual measure. Last night in most sectors was calm."

Pope Makes Yuletide Plea For Peace

Rome, Dec. 25. Pope Benedict made a plea for peace in his address at the Christmas reception to the sacred college. Referring to the message of Bethlehem, the pope said: "Good will among men" was the essential condition toward obtaining that "just and durable peace" which must put an end to the horrors of the present war. The pope urged those in power to hear the voice of the sacred college appealing to them to end the struggles of the people and open their ears to the admonition of the Father of the Christian family.

SWITZERLAND WILL SUPPORT PEACE APPEAL

Cor of the Note Sent Belligerents Received at the White House

"TO CONSIDER ITSELF HAPPY IF COULD ACT"

(By United Press.) Washington, Dec. 25. Switzerland, in a note to the warring powers, has announced her support of President Wilson's appeal for the discussion of peace terms. The note says that the Swiss government would consider itself "happy" if "it could act in any way, no matter how modest a way, for the rapprochement of the peoples now engaged in the struggle and for lasting peace."

Sent to White House. The note was sent to belligerents yesterday by the Swiss federal council. Dr. Paul Ritter, minister of Switzerland to the United States, presented the copy to the White House. Secretary Lansing made the note public last night, and it is as follows:

"The President of the United States of America, guided by warm friendship, desires hostilities soon to come to an end and has said that he has for considerable time been in touch with conditions. He has had the kindness to apprise the Federal council of the peace note sent to the governments of the Teutonic and the Allied Powers. In this note he discusses the great desirability of international agreement for the purpose of avoiding effectively and permanently the occurrences of catastrophes such as the one the people are suffering today."

"In this connection, he lays particular stress on the necessity for bringing about the end of the war. Without making peace proposals himself, or offering mediation, he confines himself to sounding the warning 'mankind may hope to approach the haven of peace.'"

Mighty Echo in Switzerland. "Most meritorious is the personal initiative of President Wilson and it will find a mighty echo in Switzerland. True to obligations arising, observing strictest neutrality, united by the same friendship to the states of both warring groups of powers, situated like an island amid the seething waves of the terrible world war, with its ideals and material interests jeopardized and violated, our country is filled with a deep longing for peace and ready to assist by its small means to stop the endless suffering caused by the war and brought before its eyes by daily contact with the internecine, the horribly wounded and those expelled. It is ready to establish a foundation for the beneficial co-operation of the people."

Happy If It Could Act. "Swiss Federal council is therefore glad to seize the opportunity to support the efforts of the president of the United States. It would consider itself happy if it could act, no matter how modestly, for the rapprochement of the people now engaged in the struggle in order to reach everlasting peace."

COURT TO PROVE ROUND ROBIN

(By United Press.)

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 25. It is announced that George Bell, Jr., commander of the provisional division, and Private Dixon, Eighth Ohio Infantry, would be called before a summary court Tuesday, to answer a charge drafted in a "Round Robin" and signed by approximately 400 members of the Eighth Ohio Infantry. The "Round Robin" protested against camp conditions.

RECOVERY PREDICTED FOR ELEVEN PEOPLE INJURED IN BLOW-UP

Atlantic, Jan. Dec. 25. Physicians at the local hospital today said that all the eleven persons injured in the explosion yesterday at Kimballton, near here, probably would recover. The explosion, which resulted from a defect in the gas lighting system at the farm house of John Faaborg, caused the death of John Nelson, 47; Ida Faaborg, 14; and Christiana Faaborg, 9.

KRIS KRINGLE HAS DOMINION OVER NATION

White House Celebration Anticipated by Presence of Wilson's Grandniece

GOWAN'S CHRISTMAS RITUE STAGGER AT \$150,000,000

American Soldiers on Metropolis Celebrate in Unique Manner

(Associated Press) New York, Dec. 25. Not the least interesting feature of the Christmas celebration was the part taken by two of the largest American battleships, the New York and the Pennsylvania, the crews of which played Santa Claus at the celebration of the children. Between 400 and 500 hungry children were provided with a Christmas dinner and a toy, made possible by a collection of members of the crew that netted nearly \$4,000. The chief master boatswain of each ship appeared in the role of Kris Kringle.

Begins Early. The Christmas observance began in this city last night with the flashing into life of the great "Tree of Light" in Madison Square Garden. At midnight prayers for world peace were offered at mass in the Roman Catholic churches. With Christmas trees in police stations, the police acted as Santa Claus to approximately 25,000 children. Reports from the express companies and postoffice indicate that this Christmas is a record breaker. One estimate puts New York's Christmas bill as approaching \$150,000,000.

AT WHITE HOUSE. (Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 25. Two youngsters, kin of the president, made a merry Christmas at the White House today. They were Ellen Macdoo, the president's granddaughter, and Josephine Cothran, his grandniece.

A heavily laden Christmas tree stood on the second floor, around it the family gathered, presents were exchanged among the grown-ups and Santa Claus distributed them to the young folks. Every married employe of the White House had a turkey, the gift of the president. President Wilson was up early and joined little Josephine Cothran, his grandniece, who had discovered the large Christmas tree in the White House, laden with presents mostly for her. Soon, the entire party spending Christmas with the president and Mrs. Wilson were gathered in the library and the exchange of presents followed. Breakfast at the White House was a joyous affair, with Josephine Cothran continually jumping up to rush back to her gifts.

Mrs. Wilson attended church alone, and the president remained at the White House to play with his grandniece. During the morning, Secretary and Mrs. Macdoo, with Ellen Macdoo and several other relatives, visited the White House and took part in the festivities. The president had all three of his daughters with him for the first time in months.

WITH "PUNITIVE EXPEDITION" (Associated Press) El Valle, San Buena Ventura, Chihuahua, Mexico, Dec. 25. (By wireless to Columbus, N. M.) There was a Fourth of July akin to the Christmas celebration at this camp, which is the extreme southern point of the American army's punitive expedition. Nearly \$200,000 worth of fireworks were set off Christmas eve, consoled the 4,000 soldiers in camp for their inability to hang up stockings and brought some-thing akin to alarm to the residents at El Valle, and Mexicans inhabiting the fringe of adobe huts that surround the camp.

Christmas day itself was given over to sports, a turkey dinner and a wowing picture program at night.

PARENTS MISSING. (Associated Press) Chicago, Dec. 25. There will be more than 200 Chicago homes in which Christmas joys will be darkened by the unexplained absence of parents. The record of the police department show that 226 men, women and children have been reported missing in the last two weeks and only a few of these have returned.

PORTUGAL CABINET HAS OKAYED WAR COMMITTEE WITH EXTENSIVE POWERS

Lisbon, via Paris, Dec. 24. The cabinet has decided to create a war committee and a public economy committee. Both bodies will have extensive powers.

VON MACKENSEN REMAINS ATTACK ON BRIGADE WHEN RUSSIANS STAND

Berlin, by wireless, Dec. 25. Field Marshal von Mackensen, with the Dubrudja army, after capturing Isakache, in the Danube, has again begun an attack on the bridgehead of Maribor in the northwestern corner of the Dubrudja province, to which the Russian forces have retreated, army headquarters announced today.

This Store Extends Its Best Wishes

To those who have crowded it during this bountiful season. We have studied your wants and have sought to adapt our business to them. We thank you for the appreciation you have shown and wish you

A Merry Christmas

Gowan's Drug Store

123 4th Street

**Merry Christmas
Wishes to You**

We cannot meet our many friends and patrons to shake their hand, but want to wish you all a

**Bright and Merry Christmas
and a Most
Happy New Year**

Thomas Hdw. Co

ANNEX WILL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC FROM JANUARY 1

Excellent Addition to Bismarck's Hotel
Facilities—Prepared for—
Guests

The Annex, latest addition to Bismarck's splendid hotel facilities, will be ready for the reception of guests January 1. Henry Tatley announced this morning. The Annex provides 49 guest chambers, 20 with bath; all provided with running hot and cold water, clothes closets and other accessories, and each moderately furnished with full-sized brass bed and American walnut dressers, tables and chairs. All interior woodwork is of beautiful American walnut.

The Annex is conveniently located, at the corner of Broadway and Fifth, and it will be operated independently of the Grand Pacific, although it will generally be in a position to care for the overflow from the hotel proper.

A vapor heating system will be used, connecting with the central city plant. An office and lobby will be installed on the second floor, with room clerks in charge day and night. The attractive entrance is on Fifth street.

The completion of The Annex places at the disposal of the Tatley hotel properties 235 rooms and 390 beds, adding materially to Bismarck's excellent accommodations for the stranger within its gates.

HERE FROM JAMESTOWN

L. Belk of Jamestown, arrived in the city last night, and is spending today visiting his father, Captain Belk, and friends.

BEHOLD!!



Quality—Service

Northern Coal Co.

The White Yard
Phone 77

\$1,058.90 GAIN ON HOGS
IN A MONTH'S TIME

Carrington, N. D., Dec. 25.
From 25 acres of Jethu and five acres of Northwestern Dents, together with other food, valued at \$14, W. H. Sutherland has put on a gain on his steers and hogs the past month which makes the field bring him \$1,058.90.

**REAL GRILL AND
CLASSY CABBAGE
FOR NEW HOTEL**

Van Horn Announces Opening January
1 of Unique Feature For
Capital City

Bismarck's New Year's eve will be marked by the opening of the Van Horn grill, one of the classical modern food palaces in the northwest. Bou Bros. announced today that they hoped to have their new eating place ready by the eve of the new year, and that the opening will be made a real event.

Assyrian Decorations.
The grill, located on the ground floor of the new hotel, will be decorated along Assyrian and Japanese lines, producing a very novel but highly attractive appearance, in keeping with the nature of the place. Twelve tables will be provided for guests, and an excellent dancing floor is being prepared.

Cabaret Music.
Music for the cabaret features will be furnished by a colored string orchestra, introducing ukeleles and other ultra-modern tune producers, and there will be dancing every evening, with special attractions to be announced from time to time.

Service Standard High.
The service will be of the same high standard which has made the Van Horn cafe so popular, and Bou Bros. anticipate success with their new undertaking, which is the first of its kind on such a scale in the state of North Dakota.

**LOWE SLATED TO
BE COURT CLERK
TODAY'S REPORT**

Stated That Minot Man, Reporter to
Judge Leighton, Is Picked for
Job

John C. Lowe of Minot, for years court reporter under Judge E. T. Burke at Valley City and Judge E. B. Goss at Minot, and recently so engaged with Judge K. E. Leighton in the Eighth district at Minot, is slated to be clerk of the supreme court, to succeed R. D. Hoskins, was the report in Bismarck this morning.

"Personally, I am very much in favor of the appointment of Mr. Lowe," said Justice-elect James E. Robinson, in discussing the report this morning. "Mr. Lowe is an applicant, and I am inclined to believe his application will receive very favorable consideration."

Choice Would Be Fortunate.
"The choice would be a very fortunate one," said retiring Justice E. T. Burke, when interviewed. "Mr. Lowe is a very able man; he would make a splendid clerk."

The Minot man is known throughout the state as a remarkably efficient court reporter and an attorney unusually well grounded in law. Official announcement of his appointment is expected in a day or two.

SNOW FLURRIES ACCOMPANY OLD NICK TO CITY

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there and not a child will be neglected.

Shortly before midnight, Captain James Murphy led his army of officers through the downtown business district while the band played the "Salvation Army Is Marching On." It was a wonderful spirit of Christmas and brought the true use of the word to many in the city.

The Christmas kettles netted the army \$123.33 during the seven days they were on the streets. The contributions Saturday amounted to \$37.45, the heaviest of the week. This is considered a remarkable showing in face of the cold wave which gripped this section.

At Hospitals.
Patients at the Bismarck and St. Alexius hospitals were not forgotten Christmas Eve. Special arrangements were made for their entertainment last evening. Christmas trees richly adorned with electric bulbs and gifts were on each floor and the patients were permitted to view it from their rooms. Individual remembrances were given each patient and special music featured.

At the Bismarck hospital the Evangelical choir visited the hospital Christmas Eve and gave a program of carols and special Christmas music. This evening the annual entertainment will be given the nurses in the parlors of the hospital. A Christmas tree will feature and 125 guests, including the hospital staff and friends are expected to attend. The nurses were well remembered by their many friends and relatives.

At the St. Alexius hospital the Christmas entertainment was held last evening in the nurses' class room. Many gifts found their way to the sisters and nurses of this institution. The large Christmas tree was laden with gifts and tables had to be utilized. Midnight mass was solemnized in the chapel and special music featured the service. The hospital auxiliary of the Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church presented the hospital with jellies and candies which were distributed among the patients. These gifts were much appreciated by Sister Boniface and other members of the hospital staff.

The employees of the Wachter Dray and Transfer company were generously remembered by G. C. Wachter, the proprietor of the firm. A large Plymouth Rock chicken was given each of the married men and leather gloves to the single ones. The chickens were raised by Mr. Wachter. Nearly 50 men are employed by the Wachter firm.

NASH IN HOSPITAL HERE

Cleon Nash, alleged murderer of Clarence Hicks in a shack in the Black Hills, 14 miles northwest of Robinson, was brought to Bismarck the latter part of last week and placed in the Bismarck hospital for medical treatment.

With his face and feet badly frozen, Nash surrendered to Sheriff Price of Kidder county the first of last week. He had taken refuge for four days from the intense cold in a shack, a short distance from the scene of the murder, several weeks ago.

From hospital authorities it could not be learned this morning whether amputation would be necessary.

BLACK TO HAVE CHARGE TO N. P. IN AUQUARTERS

Former Manager of Capital-Removal
Campaign Comes Here to Serve
League

Frank F. Black, formerly manager of the New Rockford capital removal campaign, more recently business manager of the Grand Forks Commercial club, and now in charge of the immigration department of the league, exchange, is in the city preparing to establish Non-Partisan league headquarters for the session at the Northwest hotel, which will be reopened under the management of E. G. Patterson.

During the session Mr. Black and Mr. Patterson announced this morning, reservations will be received only from Non-Partisan league members. After the close of the assembly, the old hostelry will be thrown open to the general public, resuming a career which it began 38 years ago as the Sheridan house, under Eber H. Bly.

The Northwest is being refurbished and refurnished throughout. Four carloads of furniture now are on the way from Chicago. Hot and cold water will be installed in every room, and about half of the sleeping rooms will have private bath. Each room will be supplied with a telephone. The old lobby will be restored, but it is not certain as yet that the dining room will be reopened. During the session the dining room will be used for caucuses and public gatherings of the league.

About January 1 the first floor of the McKenzie annex, consisting of ten sleeping apartments, each with bath and Murphy receding bed, will be opened. The annex extends the kitchen to 52 by 48 feet and makes possible radical improvements which make the kitchen a model of efficiency and sanitation.

HERE FROM DOUGLAS.
Peter Arneson of Douglas arrived in the city last evening and was a guest at the McKenzie hotel.

HERE FROM STEELE.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dixon of Steele were arrivals in the city yesterday.

Public Dance at Commercial Club Hall, Wednesday, December 27.



**May Happiness and
Prosperity Be Yours
for 1917**

WE ARE NOT GOING TO TALK BUSINESS TODAY, FOR ONCE WE ARE GOING TO FORGET THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR AND OFFER YOU OUR BEST WISHES FOR A

**Merry Christmas and a Happy and
Successful New Year**

OUR BUSINESS is necessarily a business which requires constant publicity and attention and it often seems to you that we are too commercial and too anxious to do business, but let us ask you to feel that there is a deep and strong underlying current which runs through our most strenuous business day and that is our appreciation of your support and good will, but, as we said before, no business today, just good health and prosperity to you.

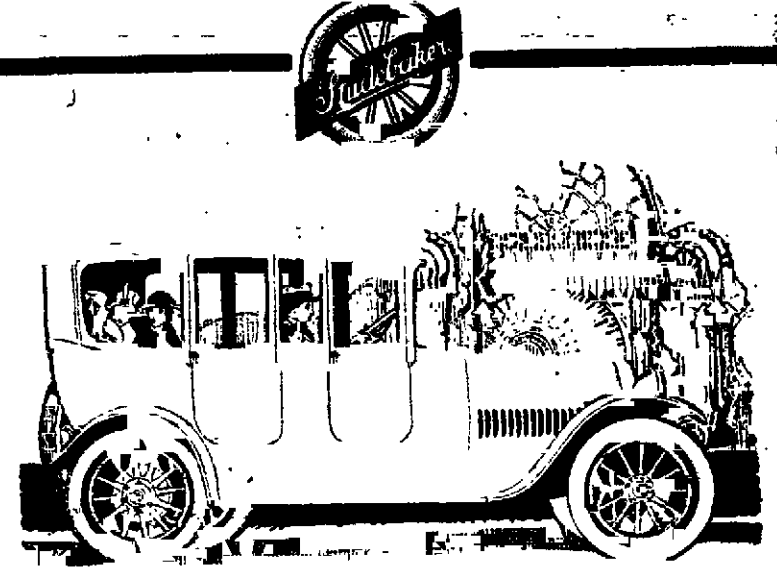
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**Merry Christmas
to Everyone
F. F. YOUNG**



We extend hearty
Christmas Greetings
and wishes for a
bright and happy
New Year to our
many friends

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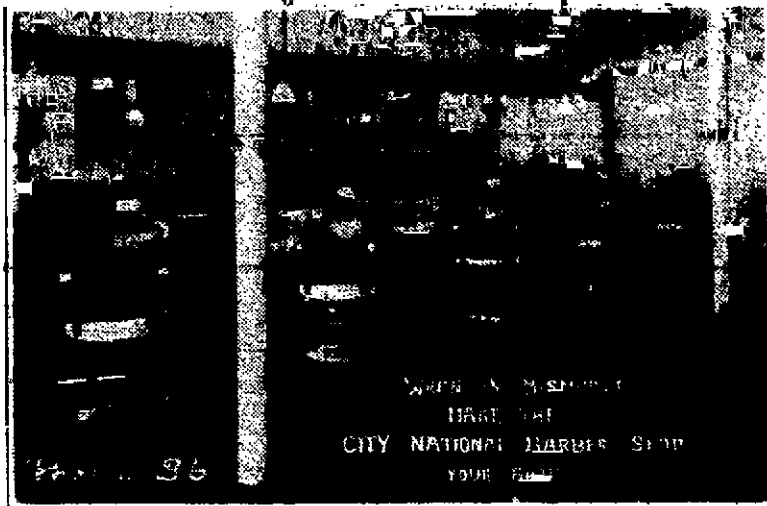


**A MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a Most
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
TO OUR MANY FRIENDS**

We want you to telephone
us the first of the new year
and let us take you for a
ride in our New Series 18-
1917 STUDEBAKER

BISMARCK MOTOR CO.
BISMARCK
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DICKINSON, N. D.

A Merry Christmas to you!



EACH CUSTOMER GETS INDIVIDUAL, NOT TOWN.

MILLION DOLLARS RICHER

Fargo Brokers of Dried and Canned Fruit Get Results Through Intercession Commercial Club.

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 25. North Dakota brokers of dried fruit and canned goods rubbed their hands and felt a million dollars richer today.

That's the sum that was saved for them by the Fargo Commercial club's intercession with the interstate commerce commission, it was estimated.

These men had contracted for huge shipments of dried and canned fruit from the Pacific coast, to be shipped from North Dakota.

Contracts were closed with retailers, based upon railroad freight rates prevailing at that time, and then the interstate commerce commission permitted the freight rates from the coast to North Dakota raised.

It would mean a million dollar loss to the brokers. The date of the raise was changed to permit the brokers to get rid of the fruit they had bought. Then the car shortage slowed down distribution. Another extension of the time limit to March 1, 1917, was believed today to have definitely removed the impending loss.

HERE FOR CHRISTMAS.

E. Zucker, a student attending Fargo college, arrived in the city the latter part of the week to spend the holidays with his parents. Mr. Zucker will be graduated from that institution next spring.

PRISON LIGHTS DID NOT CLOSE EYES SO EARLY

Long After Usual Bedtime Before Convicts Retired Last Night

TWO HUNDRED CONVICTS RITM OF CHRIST CHILDS

Santa Arrived at Institution at Noon Today With Dinner and Packages

The myriads of twinkling lights at North Dakota's state prison did not close their eyes at 9 o'clock last night. Neither did the 222 prisoners of the great institution. Instead, they extolled the birth of the Prince of Peace in song, verse and playlet.

It was many minutes after the bedtime hour before the warden brushed by the sullen great coils. He was late. Down the long corridors he bent his way. Soon the inmates of the great penal institution were asleep. Dreams visionary and yet so real might have been recalled of just yesterday, when he, now a convict, once played the role of Santa Claus.

Santa to Arrive Today.

Kris Kringle did not arrive at the state penitentiary last night. He had several hundred children in Bismarck to cater to first. It was noon today that he burst into the prison, in the shape of a massive, jolly old man, circled with hair and beard pipes, he fed the convicts roast chicken, turkey, dressing, pudding and all that goes to make up a good holiday meal. Then each convict was left a package. It consisted of fruit.

Motion pictures of characters of the "world outside" entertained the convicts for a time at the Christmas Eve celebration. Songs were given by Gray, Williams, Wilson and Edwards, the colored quartet. A ten-minute playlet was acted by Moine and McLeod.

Four Songsters Heard.

Four soloists from Bismarck, Miller, Arnold, Humphreys and Halverson, entertained the prisoners. They responded to three encores, besides getting a taffy-off on the orchestra from the Orpheum theatre. The applause came from hearts that had been touched. Then Noah, one of the trustees, announced that it was "all over."

The Orpheum orchestra struck up a spirited march. White and colored defiled from the auditorium down through the corridors. Steel locks clicked, clicked, clicked and Christmas Eve was over for the men.

Not "Merry Christmas" Heard.

Appreciation might have been felt in the hearts, but it was not on the faces of the majority. If any "Merry Christmas" greetings were given by the brother convicts they were not heard as the congregation left the auditorium. But who knows, they might have been expressed earlier in the day.

FRANCE ANNOUNCED SHE HAS MERCHANT FLEET IN COMMON WITH BRITAIN

Paris, Dec. 25. M. Clementel, minister of commerce and agriculture, announced today that France now has a national merchant fleet which she has created in accordance with Great Britain. The only condition made by Great Britain was that there should be a joint consideration of the situation once a month, so as to judge what restrictions might be necessary.

MORE SNOW TONIGHT

Forecast for Tonight Calls for Snow and Probably Tomorrow 18 Below Last Night.

Snow tonight and probably more tomorrow with continued cold was the prediction from the weather bureau this afternoon. The mercury dropped to 18 degrees below last night rose 12 degrees during the morning hours, registering -6 at 7 o'clock this morning and this afternoon was above the zero line by several degrees. The precipitation at 11 o'clock amounted to .03 of an inch.

The snow is light but there is considerable of it. According to information given out at the Northern Pacific station at it has been during the past week. The heavy snowfall, it was stated, will not interfere with the train service as much as the sub-zero weather did last week. Train No. 1, due in the city at 11:35 last evening, arrived at 9:05 this morning. No. 3 arrived at 1:20; No. 8 came in on time at 2:30; No. 4 was scheduled to reach here at 4:40 o'clock, and no report had been received on tonight's No. 2.

RETURNS TO MINOT.

M. C. Haskell, who has been spending several days in the city, returned this morning to Minot, where he is now located.

FUNERAL FOR MR. MORAN.

Funeral services for Patrick Moran, who died last week at his family home in Seventh and Rosser streets, will be conducted Tuesday morning at 9:30 in St. Mary's pro-cathedral. Interment will be made in St. Mary's cemetery.

HALLIDAY MAN HERE.

Maurice H. Wason of Halliday arrived in the city yesterday and was a visitor with friends last evening.

Special Christmas Feature

DANIEL FROHMAN PRESENTS

MARY PICKFORD

In a Decidedly Unique Characterization

"A GIRL OF YESTERDAY"

REVIEW

"A GIRL OF YESTERDAY," one of the most novel screen offerings ever presented, is the first motion picture romance to embody all the phases of a courtship of a generation gone by in contrast with the most modern of romantic auxiliaries, the aeroplane, palatial steam yacht, the tennis court, the golf course, and many other adjuncts of present-day sport. As the primitive and unsophisticated romance of our grandmothers, and, later, as the centre of attraction in the modern world of society, with all the pomp and luxuries of the elite of today, Mary Pickford achieves an unusual double triumph. In the course of the production, Glenn Martin, the world-famous aviator, makes his first appearance in motion pictures and Mary Pickford takes her first aeroplane flight.

TO-DAY

Matinee 3 p. m.
Admission 5 and 15c
Evening 7:15 and 9 p. m.
Admission 10 and 20c

BISMARCK THEATRE

LAPSE OF MEMORY HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR RAIL DISASTER

Conductor Testifies at Inquest That He and Engineer Forgot Train's Presence

Miles City, Mont., Dec. 25. Lapse of memory was held responsible for the deaths of Fireman C. H. Buffka and Engineer Charles Sdob, who were killed when west-bound freight 1720 collided head-on with east-bound passenger 222 on the night of December 7, one mile east of Helena, on the Northern Pacific, according to verdict rendered here by the coroners jury last week.

Conductor E. J. Bulow of Livingston testified that Engineer Chris D. Leet-

ers and himself, both of the freight, forgot the presence of the passenger train No. 322, which had the right-of-way on schedule time, that he (Bulow) missed the orders at Winston when his rear brakeman failed to get them because of a broken hoop and thought that Engineer Tooters was making for Louisville to get on the side-track there.

When the crash came Bulow testified he had no realization of what had happened, and did not know until the brakeman told him that the freight had hit No. 322. He believed that the engine or some box-cars had jumped the track.

Johnson's for corse.

WHEN YOU ASK FOR BUTTER A NORTHERN



to Everyone

and wishes for a very prosperous New Year

Folsom's Jewelry Broadway

NOT BECAUSE IT IS AN HONORARY CUSTOM, BUT BECAUSE OF THE SINCERITY OF OUR APPRECIATION, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR THE PART YOU HAVE PLAYED IN OUR BUSINESS PROGRESS DURING THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS, AND WE WISH YOU A GOOD ONE.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

First National Bank

C. B. Tittle J. T. Bell Frank A. Shepard
A. J. Arnot



The spirit of the season prompts us to express to you our appreciation of the pleasant business relations that we have been favored with during the past year and most heartily wish you health and prosperity for the year 1917.

Very Sincerely Yours,

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Every Man, Woman and Child Should See it. Christian Ideas and Symbols Were Never Used to Better Purpose Than in This Greatest of Productions.

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"Nothing Has Been Seen to Equal The INCREDIBLE Spectacle", Minneapolis Journal
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Matinee MONDAY JANUARY 1st, Prices

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♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦
♦ The Puritan hated bearbait-
♦ ing, not because it gave pain
♦ to the bear, but because it
♦ gave pleasure to the specta-
♦ tors. Macaulay.
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

CHRISTMAS.
It is a message of cheer, the Trib-
une desires to carry to all its read-
ers today.

There never was a time in history
when America had so much to be
thankful for and at the same time so
much to be sad over.

Joyful we are that family ties are
not broken through the scourge of a
terrible war. Thankful we are that
America has a white Christmas.

But out of the depths of our joy;
out of the blithesome Yuletide spirit;
out of the realization that we are
removed from the sorrow, a yearning
goes forth to the children, to the
women and to the men of Europe.

Our Christmas joy, tempered then
by the thoughts of suffering else-
where, need be none the less genu-
ine.

For the third Christmas, a world
practically is convulsed in war. But
out of the bloody shambles peace will
come. When no one can say. It
may be nearer this Yuletide than most
of us anticipate.

United States, on the threshold of
another year, has an important role
to play as the mightiest of neutrals.
While we celebrate, it is well to pause
and dedicate anew our influence to-
ward the maintenance and restoration
of peace. The instrumentalities
through which peace is to be achieved
are not apparent as yet. Every
thought, every aspiration, every bet-
ter influence of this Christmas sea-
son is swung into the balance on the
side of a speedy peace. A glimpse at
this time on the part of our officials
can destroy our usefulness as a peace-
maker and prolong the war.

Fully conscious then of the great
responsibility that rests upon us as
a nation, America celebrates the birth-
day of the Prince of Peace, chasten-
ed and what in spirit because of our
brothers in pain, but buoyantly hope-
ful that the same peace we enjoy may
be Europe's before another Christ-
mas comes.

"No man can tell the truth for an
hour," says Willie Collier. Nope;
some woman always interrupts.

CLEAN UP.
Attorney General Linde's state-
ments indicate the presence of a
"boozing ring," thoroughly protected
and entrenched. The crusade he has
started should not lag. County At-
torney-elect McCurdy doubtless will
handle most of the cases. He should
be given the utmost co-operation.
Public sentiment is behind Attorney
General Linde and will also support
Mr. Langer when he enters upon the
duties of attorney general.

The blimping element must go. If
there is any grafting among our po-
lice officials, they should be removed
without delay and competent men ap-
pointed to take their places.

Attorney General Linde makes some
serious charges touching upon the
matter of "protection." The investi-
gation should be thorough. If the
blimping element is shielded by men
high up, the public is entitled to
know the facts as soon as the guilty
ones are within the power of the
law.

Let us have a clean city.

It's a wise Tom and Jerry that
knows its egg.

BOARD OF REGENTS.
It is to be hoped that the legisla-
ture will not tamper with the board
of regents law to the detriment of
the system itself. After nearly two
years of administration there may be
rough places that can be smoothed
and crooked paths made straight, but
the criticism of the educational
clique, de-throned when the bill was
passed, two years ago, are not sound
and should not prevail.

The pedagogues who foisted the
present educational system upon the
state, which the board of regents
through a careful survey is seeking
to standardize through the elimina-
tion of duplications and the harmon-
izing of curricula, are laying plans to
make an early drive upon the board of
regents.

There are changes in the present
law that might make for greater ef-
ficiency and reduce administrative ex-
pense. The board of control is or-
ganized as a purchasing agency for
state institutions.

It supervises the erection of new
buildings and repairs and is organized
to conduct the business affairs of the

various penal and charitable institu-
tions.
There is no reason under the sun
why the board of control cannot per-
form the same function for the edu-
cational institutions, eliminating the
administrative offices now maintained
by the board of regents.
But the board of regents should not
be abolished. Its members should ap-
ply themselves solely to the educa-
tional side. Relieved of purely admin-
istrative matters, all the energies of the board
could be concentrated upon the de-
velopment of the institutions as edu-
cational units.

Minnesota and other states find this
arrangement workable. It is not nec-
essary to have any office assistant,
or maintain a separate adminis-
trative force. The regents can meet reg-
ularly at the various institutions and
have some of the administrative offi-
cers connected with the two higher
institutions of learning handle the
purely ministerial or secretarial du-
ties with no additional cost to the
state.

Governor Frazier can bring about
greater efficiency in state government
by the process of elimination and
closer co-ordination, but the board of
regents idea should be retained, elim-
inating as much as possible, purely
administrative officials.

The board of regents doubtless will
have many suggestions to make to
Governor Frazier and the state legisla-
ture. It is best to move slowly.
The educational institutions have just
been adjusted to the new regime and
it should be tried out thoroughly be-
fore it is swept away for another
innovation.

My all means retain the board of
regents idea. Improve upon it, to be
sure, but to return to the old scheme
of local boards and a pedagogical
hierarchy, responsible to no one,
would be a step backward.

Is Villa elusive? Or are his pur-
suers elusive?

LET SHARKS BEWARE!

The United States Bureau of Fish-
eries tries to rescue us from bare-
footedness that's staring us in the
face. It discovers that leather from
sharks' skin is a good substitute for
leather from beef's skin. It advises
everybody to save the hides of the
sharks they catch and is furnishing
lightships and beach men with shark
fishing tackle.

The enterprise is a blessed one, but
it has been given a wrong start. A
feminine fad for shark leather should
be promoted, first thing. In every
large city, put on the streets two
girls wearing nifty shark skin shoes,
and you'll have a flourishing industry
coaxing sharks out of their habitat;
and it will make mighty little differ-
ence whether or not a good substi-
tute has been discovered, at that.

It's never too late to do your Christ-
mas shopping.

There's no end to life so long as
you have something to do.

The enormity of the "joker" in the
Adamson law is just beginning to
dawn on employers and employees.

"Billy" Sunday may be able to
"beat the devil," but he must try a
new style offensive on "demon rum."

MISSOURI VALLEY FINS
BIG MAMMOTH FOR TIRES

Last year the Missouri Valley Motor
Co. shipped into Bismarck the first
full carload of Firestone tires brought
to North Dakota, and it was consid-
ered at that time a record contract.
This year Manager Carl Pederson has
just placed his order for two carloads
of Firestones for early delivery.

HOTELS AND APARTMENTS
ARE BEING MURPHYIZED

Capital City hotels and apartments
are gradually being Murphyized. To
be Murphyized is to be equipped
with the beds that, now you see 'em
and now you don't. A. J. Ostrander,
central North Dakota agent for the
Murphy Disappearing Bed Co., is
now completing the installation of 21
of these modern couches in the new
Piercion court. These beds are of
both the recess and the closet type.
Either model when made up is also
made invisible, and the room which
had been a bed chamber becomes a
drawing room or library or dining
room, as the tenant may desire.

The addition to the McKenzie hotel
which E. G. Patterson is now erecting
will be equipped with Murphy beds,
making each chamber a two-room
apartment. It is also probable that
the new Lewis & Clark hotel which
Governor L. B. Hanna is building in
Mandan will be so equipped. A large
number of Murphy beds are being
built into bungalows on both sides of
the river.

TAKE NO CHANCES WITH
PIR-AT-TH- CAPITOL

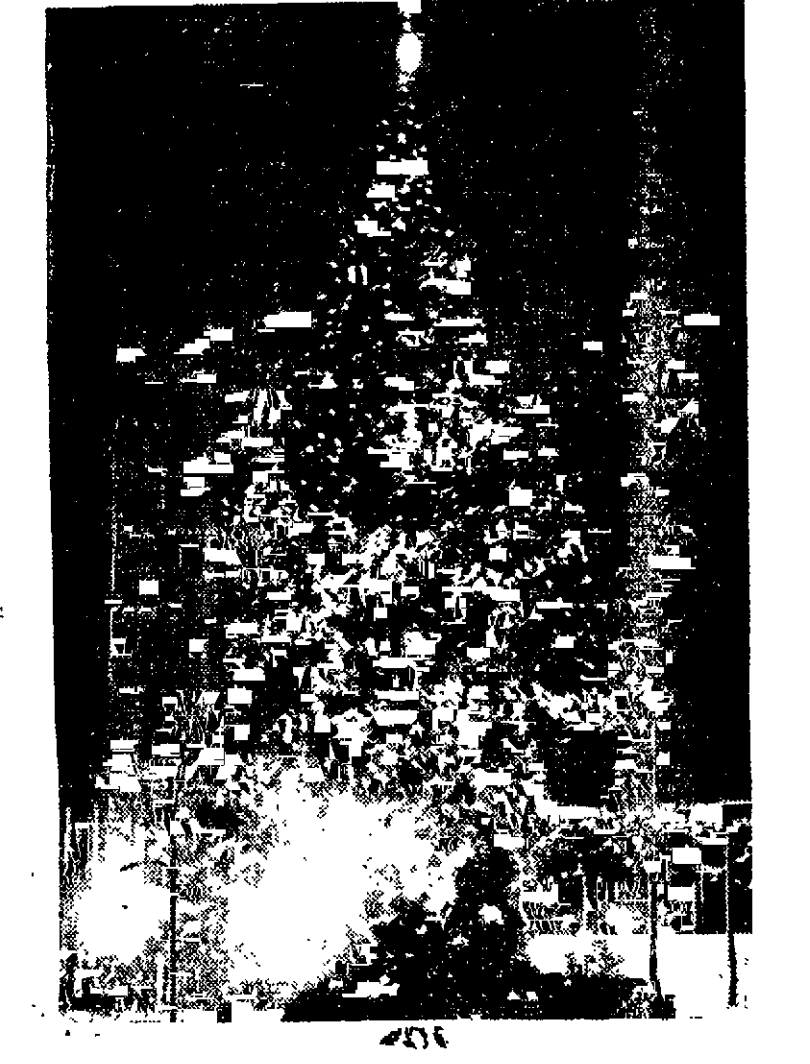
No chances with the wily fire
demon are taken at the capitol. Chief
Custodian William Laist makes cer-
tain every day that the man on night
watch has visited every crook and
cranny of the big building every hour
through the night. The building, while
it may appear deserted, is never left
alone.

The present clock system, which
has proven so efficient as to greatly
reduce the cost of insurance on the
building, was inaugurated several
years ago. There are eleven stations,
a number on each of the four floors
and one in the attic, in each of which
keys are chained. The night watch-
man is expected to visit each of these
stations during every hour of his
watch, and if he fails to visit any

INFLUENCE FOR GOOD WILL OF COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREES SET IN REMOTE TOWNS AND HAMLETS OF UNITED STATES

**ANONYMOUS FOUNDER OF FIRST TREE, IN NEW YORK,
TELLS OF STORIES THAT HAVE COME TO HIM; A
WESTERN TOWN CIVILIZED BY ITS TREE.**

By J. HERBERT DUCKWORTH.
New York, Dec. 25. Christmas
means for more than a big dinner
and presents to the average Ameri-
can, after all. Idealism is not dead.
Of this I am convinced after a
three-hour visit to the home of the
donors of the first community Christ-



The "Mother Tree" of all Christmas trees, in Madison Square, New York.

mas tree in the United States. I feel
now that the world is not bad; in fact,
that it is mostly very good.

This inspiring revelation came as
I heard how the great idea that lay
behind the tree that was first put up
in Madison Square four years ago by
unidentified hands has so grown that
this year's Christmas trees will adorn
public squares in more than 2,000 cit-
ies, towns and hamlets throughout the
land.

Let me repeat two true stories that
illustrate what these trees mean to
different people. They were given
me by the giver of the "Mother Tree"
in New York.

"I was standing in the crowd in
Madison Square when a man in an
expensive fur coat came up to me
he did not know who I was and asked:
"Does this tree mean anything to
you? I do not, I am as rich as
blazes, but I have had a Christmas
tree all to myself. I feel that this
tree is just for me!"

The same day I was accosted by
a station policeman who clearly shown
on the removable dial of his portable
clock the following morning. The
clock can be punched only by keys
located at designated stations; each
key registers a number on the re-
movable dial, and the record must be
complete for each of the eleven hours
which the watchman spends on duty.
Incidentally, the clock is a great sleep
discourager.

MANY PRESENTS.
The Christmas season is very much
in evidence at the capitol today. The
department having received its quota
of little remembrances from various
business houses, from officials of other
states and from well-wishers through-
out North Dakota.

ENJOY HALF-HOLIDAY.
The capitol staff enjoyed a half-ho-
liday in honor of the Christmas season
Saturday.

BISMARCK
"A Girl of Yesterday" is the story of
a prim little miss who has lived a life
of seclusion with her brother and her
aunt. She has always dressed several
generations behind the rest of the
world, but has still been sufficiently at-
tractive to win the love of discerning
Hudson, her next door neighbor. So
great is the modesty of the little re-
cluse that she does not realize her ir-
resistible attractiveness despite the
fact that these same charms have
made her the mortal enemy of another
girl who loves Stanley.

The sudden acquisition of a huge
fortune makes Jane a desideratum in
circles from which she had been pre-
viously barred by her poverty and her
conquests are legion, without the as-
sistance of a modern wardrobe. When
Jane suddenly decides to adopt modern
apparel and the other girl realizes that
in a desperate coup is necessary to win
the wretched Stanley, she induces an
aviator to kidnap Jane just as they are
about to start on a yachting trip. The
aviator, however, fails to prevent Jane
from reaching the yacht in time to em-
bark, and after a slightly stormy trip,
she and Stanley finally make port in
the harbor of Love.

It is a delightful romance played
with an abundance of spirit, and intro-
duces so many novel elements that it
is sure to have a universal appeal.
Matinee and tonight.

CURLING SEASON OPENS
AT GRAFTON DECEMBER 25
Grafton, N. D., Dec. 25. The curling
season opens here Tuesday evening,
December 25 with a draw known as
the holiday draw.

GLENDIVE PEOPLE PURCHASE
DRUG STORE AT WIBAUX
Wibaux, Mont., Dec. 25. The drug
store of the Wibaux company has been
sold, the new owners being B. F. Con-
sler and Fred J. Erdling of Glendive,
who purchased the stock and fixtures
of George Scarlett. The new firm will
be known as Consler & Erdling.

FORMER HOLD-UP MAN
ARRESTED ON THEFT CHARGE
Rolla, N. D., Dec. 25. Charles Fox
of Carpenter was arrested last week,
charged with stealing a load of oats
from a granary near Porch, in Town-
er county. The oats were found in
his possession. He admitted the theft.
Fox was arrested about a year ago in
connection with the alleged complicity
in which Ernest Choiniere of that
place got a revolver wound.

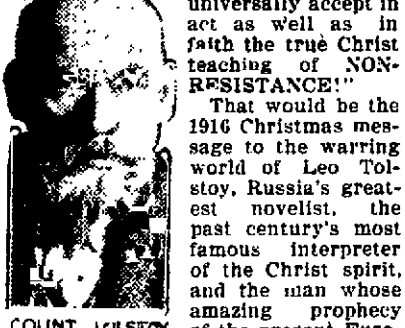
WORLD IN PEACE IN CHRIST'S HONOR, SAYS TOISTOY!

Son of Noted Russian in Christ-
mas Talk for Tribune Paints
Great Religious Revival

**DESCRIBES CHRISTMAS
ON RUSSIAN FRONT**

(Editor's Note: In this inter-
view Count Ilya Toistoy not only
expounds the Christ spirit as he
and his father saw it, but
gives first hand word of the re-
ligious awakening in Europe
parallel to the revival in America;
he also describes his Christmas
under Grand Duke Michael at the
front.)

By K. W. PAYNE
New York, Dec. 25. "All wars are
evil! Patriotism produces war, and
patriotism is selfishness, egotism!
World peace can come only when we
universally accept in
act as well as in
faith the true Christ
teaching of NON-
RESISTANCE!"



COUNT TOISTOY
won him the name of seer and prophet.

This message which the great Leo
Toistoy would have given to the world
this Christmas, were he still alive,
was voiced by his famous son, Count
Ilya Toistoy, who has just arrived in
America to begin a nation-wide lec-
ture tour in which he will explain
his father's life and doctrine. Count
Ilya Toistoy shares ardently his fa-
ther's striking form of Christianity,
and in a Christmas day interview he
told how he would apply it to the
world crisis of today.

"I am an anarchist," he said, "but
not an anarchist as you understand it
here. I mean by the word simply that
I am opposed to nationalism. I be-
lieve, further, as did my father, that
Christ's greatest teaching was NON-
RESISTANCE, and that we should fol-
low that doctrine not only in our in-
dividual lives, but in international
relations as well.

"I BELIEVE THAT ALREADY THE
WORLD IS SWINGING BACK TO-
WARD A MORE PROFOUND AC-
CEPTANCE OF THE GREATEST
IDEALS OF CHRISTIANITY! I have
seen in Europe unmistakable signs
of this new spiritual awakening."
"But even had I not seen these
signs, I would know that a religious
revival must surely follow the war. A
few years ago I saw materialism
sweeping Europe. Immorality had
tainted art, literature, even music
and the dance! Psychologically, a spir-
itual reaction was inevitable."

"What is Christmas like at the
front?" I asked.

"Christmas as the front is a sad
and solemn day!" said Toistoy. "I
was with the 'Wild Division' under
Grand Duke Michael, last Christmas,
in the Carpathians, and from vivid
recollections of that experience can
easily describe how tragically the sol-
dier's Christmas contrasts with your
merry Christmas here.

"We had no gifts, no merriment.
All the day before Christmas we
worked with the wounded in the hos-
pital. On Christmas eve I and a few
of my fellow officers rode through the
night to a neighboring village, where
Grand Duke Michael held Christmas
service in a little church. It was a
grave ceremony.

"Then we returned to our own
quarters, and there we actually had a
little Christmas tree! But no gifts.
THERE WERE NONE IN THE LAND!
Everything had been destroyed, for
the Russians and Germans had fought
back and forth over that territory.
And our Christmas dinner was the
dinner of every other day BLACK
BREAD!"

INSKLER PLANS FOR NEXT SPRING
BUILDINGS NEW SPRING

Inskler, N. D., Dec. 25. Plans are
already being made here for the erec-
tion of buildings to replace the four
destroyed by fire last week, curtailing
a loss of \$25,000. Work will be start-
ed in the spring.

The conflagration was the fourth
destructive fire here since the town
was first begun. The most destructive
fire started in the old X. & H. elevator
on October 8, 1908, when an entire
square and half of another were wiped
out.



MARY PICKFORD
at Bismarck Theatre
TODAY ONLY

MOTHER AND LOST BOY RE-UNITED IN WORLD'S HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS HOME

BY J. HERBERT DUCKWORTH
Stapleton, N. Y., Dec. 25. What
family is having the happiest Christ-
mas celebration in the world?

"I know, for I helped prepare the
holiday in what hitherto has been
one of the loneliest homes in the
land.

For 21 years, motherly, rosy-
cheeked Mrs. Edward Banning of
Stapleton, Staten Island, mourned the
loss of her son, William Stevenson,
whose father she married when she
was only 16.

She was divorced, her little boy taken
from her, and 14 years ago her
second husband died. Since then Mrs.
Banning has been searching in vain
for some trace of the lost boy who
meant more than anything else in the
world to her.

It seemed that to spend another
Christmas without him was too
much to bear. What was there to live
for, just struggling along with a
dreadful business?

And now her son is restored
to her for a Christmas pres-
ent! Secretary Daniels of the
United States navy is her
Santa Claus. Today the lonely
home is gay with Christmas
greens, in honor of the great re-
union!

"When my first husband and I sepa-
rated, years ago, my husband sent
Will, our little boy, to a home up the
Hudson," said Mrs. Banning. "I used
to visit him there, but a time came

when I could not afford to make the
trips. That was 21 years ago. When
next I went to see him, he had been
sent to a farm out west.
"I never could trace him after he
had gone.
"A fortune teller finally gave me
the inspiration to find him. It was
late last summer. For a score of years
I had dreamed and worried about my
lost boy. I was taken to a fortune
teller by a friend, and was told that
though I had great sorrow, I would
soon be made very happy by the re-
turn of someone dearer to me than
all else.

"This person wore a uniform," I was
told. That set me thinking. Some-
body suggested that I write to the
war department and the navy depart-
ment.

"A letter from Secretary Dan-
iels told me about William Stev-
enson, a sailor on the San Diego,
now in the Pacific. I wrote to
him and found he was my lost
boy!"

"Will must be as glad to find his
old mother as I am to find my long
missing son. He has written to me
every day.

"He has learned languages, teaches
in the ship's school, and has won a
number of prizes for gunnery.
"I am compensated at last for all
the long, dreary Christmases of the
past on which I longed for my boy
and wondered whether he was suf-
fering and unhappy."

here, and we could do away with our
railroad commissioners the river
would be the best regulator of rates.

**TERMINALS SHOULD BE
LOCATED ON THE RIVER**

New Salem Man Believes Big Mis-
souli-Northwestern Pacific Cross-
ing is Site

The proposed terminal elevator and
the stage-locked packing plant should
be located on the Missouri river, at
the Bismarck and Mandan side, re-
spectively, in the opinion of John
Bloodgood, who writes the following
interesting communication on the sub-
ject.

"The terminal elevator recently ded-
icated by the Society of Equity will
be a great help to the city of St. Paul
and state of Minnesota. But it is not
fair for North Dakota producers to go
in with the money they make from
North Dakota farms and build up St.
Paul and Minnesota. Rather, they
should build up North Dakota and our
own cities.

"I have lived in Morton county 23
years. I am 68 years old and I am
not looking for anything for myself.
But for the good of the state of which
I think so much, I ask, 'Why not build
terminal elevators and state packing
plants here in our own state?' Surely
no state has a better right to such
plants. This state has everything
within her own boundaries to justify
the building of such enterprises. And
a start should be made this winter."

Question of a Site
An important question is that of a
proper site. I will suggest as the
logical location for a state terminal
elevator, the Missouri river landing
on the Bismarck side, and for a state
packing plant the Missouri river land-
ing on the Mandan side. First, be-
cause these locations are nearly in the
center of the state; second, because
the choice of these sites would locate
these important enterprises upon one
of the greatest rivers in the world, a
stream which soon must become one
of the northwest's greatest arteries of
commerce. This will mean an oppor-
tunity for the producers of all the
northwest to ship their grain, live-
stock, dressed meats, every product of
the farm, from Mandan and Bismarck
by an all-water route to Europe, via
New Orleans, with but one transfer.
This of this saving in transportation,
and of all the middlemen's profits that
would be eliminated! And then con-
sider the hundreds of cities this route
would bring us as a market for our
produce. North Dakota railroads
would be compelled to meet river com-
petition if the plants were located

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SOCIETY

Dancing Parties to Mark Events of Week

Dancing parties will be among the interesting events planned for the Christmas week entertainments. The Capital Police Club will give another of the series of private dances Wednesday evening in Patterson Hall, the guests to include the younger dancing set of the city. A special dance program has been arranged and O'Connor's orchestra will furnish the music.

Society is interested in the dancing party which the nurses of the St. Alexius Hospital will give Friday evening in Patterson Hall. Nearly 200 invitations were issued and the guests will include friends of the nurses and hospital.

Returns From Wedding Trip.
Myron Hunt of the Gambie Robinson company, returned to the city Saturday from his wedding trip which he spent in the east. Mrs. Hunt stopped in Fargo to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Kennedy, and will return to the city the latter part of the week. Their wedding was

an event of Friday December 8, in the bride's home in Fargo.

Home For Christmas.

Miss Susie Hunter and Miss Winifred Nutscheiknaus, nurses at the Bismarck Hospital, are spending Christmas at their respective homes in Max and Mott.

Entertaining Sister.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hanson of Teah street, are entertaining as their guest over the holidays the former's sister, Miss Hilda Hanson of Stanwood, Wash.

Visiting Son Here.

W. R. Parsons of Page, N. D., has arrived in the city to spend Christmas with his son, W. E. Parsons, and family, of Fifth street. Mr. Parsons, Sr., will make an extended visit here.

Visiting Daughter Here.

S. K. Clark of Faulkton, S. D., arrived in the city Saturday to spend Christmas with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thorberg, of Ninth street. Mrs. Clark and daughter are also guests of the Thorbergs.

Spending Christmas Here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams of Preston, Minn., arrived in the city Saturday on No. 3, and are being entertained over the holidays by their daughter, Mrs. Price Owens of Mandan Avenue.

Gives Dinner-Dance.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Oberg entertained Christmas eve at a dinner-dance at the Grand Pacific hotel. Covers were laid for 24 and the Christmas colors were effectively used in the appointments. The dancing party was held on the fourth floor and where a room had been especially fitted up for the occasion. The guests included only the intimate friends of the hosts.

Gives Christmas Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar H. Will of Fourth street, are entertaining over Christmas their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Lumry of Garrison. Mr. and Mrs. Will entertained at a family dinner at noon today. The guests included besides Mr. and Mrs. Lumry, Mr. and Mrs. George Will, small daughter, Margaret, Mrs. William Moore, daughter, Miss Hortense Moore, Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor and sons, Edwin and Herndon, all of the city.

Night School Entertains.

The night school students gave an interesting Christmas program during the week-end at the Will school. A program of Christmas songs and recitations were given. The teachers were also present and a very pleasant evening was spent in social diversions. John Millet, who is employed at the St. Alexius hospital and was unable to attend the entertainment, sent candy enough for the party and Dan Jarvis, a former student, now stationed in Mercedes, Tex., with his company, sent cards and other greetings. Those in charge of the school are

TELLS ENGAGINGLY OF FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE IN FLICKERTAIL STATE

How the first Christmas tree exercises were held in North Dakota is engagingly told in an interesting paper read by Mrs. H. P. Goddard at last week's meeting of the Monday club. Mrs. Goddard, after tracing the institution of the Christmas tree from its pagan inception, says:

"And this brings us down to the story of the first Christmas tree at Fargo, which was the first in North Dakota, outside of the military posts and the Indian agencies. The story is told by one of the old-timers in his own language.

Spoke With Moorhead.

"Before this Christmas the few people on this side of the Red river had gone to Moorhead for church service, but at the meeting held in Moorhead for the purpose of arranging for the Christmas tree of 1873, the Fargo representatives felt aggrieved at the action taken by the Moorhead people, as the Fargoites wished the tree to be for the pleasure of all children of whatever church or creed, or of no creed at all, and the feeling in Moorhead was for a tree for the children more particularly of church people. We of Fargo came home feeling that we were not hidden to the feast. A few of us were talking the matter over when J. E. Chapin said: 'Why don't you have a Christmas tree of your own the largest and the best? I will give \$10 toward it.' With such a start we could not do otherwise than go ahead and have a Fargo Christmas tree.

Railroad Boys Help.

"John Jennings telegraphed to Brainerd for two of the finest trees that could be got into a box car. The railroad boys there got the trees and loaded them without any charge and the engineer got them through to Fargo without freight charges. The box car was sidetracked in front of the old Headquarters hotel, but the next morning our beautiful Christmas trees, the first to be brought over the river, were gone. Some one had stolen them away, and a fall of light snow hid all trace of their going. A careful search was made for the trees, and a committee visited Moorhead on

last evening by the children of the Sunday school, under the direction of Mr. Steiber. Songs and recitations were also a part of the program and a large Christmas tree featured.

The Norwegian and German Lutheran churches observed Christmas jointly last evening in the Trinity Lutheran church, when an interesting program was given by the children. A large chorus choir furnished Christmas music and a large Christmas tree brightly illuminated completed the entertainment.

Midnight Mass.

The Swedish Lutheran church celebrated the birth of Christ last evening and also this morning at 6 o'clock. Miss Alfson was in charge of the musical program.

Hundreds of worshippers attended the midnight mass at St. Mary's church. Rev. Father Hiltner, assisted by a deacon and a sub-deacon, were in charge of this service, which was followed by a low mass. Other services were held at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m., and vesper services will be conducted this evening at 7:30.

Presbyterian Exercises.

The annual Christmas entertainment at the Presbyterian church will be held this evening in the main auditorium and the program will be presented by the children. A large Christmas tree has been erected on the pulpit and will be ablaze with countless little electric bulbs. Gifts will be distributed from the tree. The program begins at 7:30.

St. George's Episcopal church will give the Christmas entertainment for the Sunday school Thursday evening, in the Knights of Pythias hall.

Spending Christmas Here.

Miss Agnes Orr, who is studying voice at the Wilson-Green School of Music, Washington, D. C., has arrived in the city and is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Orr, of Avenue A. Miss Orr was one of the soloists during the evening service at the First Presbyterian church. Merton J. Orr of Jamestown is also spending Christmas with his parents.

Entertains Son and Family.

Mrs. W. O. Ward and daughter, Miss Aldyth Ward of Seventh street entertained at dinner yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ward and children of Garrison, who are in the city spending the holidays with Mrs. Ward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Stevens, of Third street, Mrs. Ward and Miss Ward were entertained over Christmas by their son and brother, Milan Ward, and family near the city.

a still hunt, for we felt sure some of the Moorhead boys had done us the trick, but the trees could not be found.

Moorhead Manged in Fargo.

"At a meeting held that night it was decided to hang in effigy the Moorhead men suspected of the theft, so the 'bodies' were appropriately labeled, and the next morning the Red river bridge was decorated with a number of seeming dead men. Someone on an early morning train out of Fargo saw them hanging there and telegraphed the Associated Press that as he crossed the river that morning six dead men were hanging from the bridge timbers, undoubtedly the work of the 'North West Regulars.' At 10 o'clock that forenoon a locomotive and box car draped in mourning ran down to the bridge, followed by a large procession on foot. The bodies were taken down, and while the muffled locomotive bell tolled mournfully the effigies were buried in a snow-drift with elaborate ceremonies, including a sermon and the singing of dirges.

"The next night the trees were returned to the car and from there taken to what is now No. 27 Front street. Between \$300 and \$400 was raised, and the result was two of the most finely decorated trees Fargo has ever witnessed, and as there was plenty of cash, there was a silver half-dollar for each child under fourteen, each coin hung on the tree, suspended from a cord passed through a hole punctured for the occasion. Large locomotive headlights threw a strong glare on the tree from the rear.

Santa Broke Ladder.

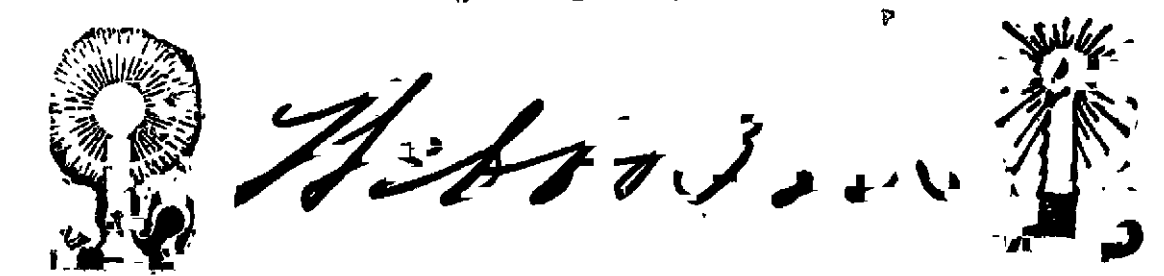
"Santa Claus' ladder broke when he made his first attempt to climb into the window, and a speech was made to quiet the children, who were assured that Santa had been sighted coming over the Pendola hills, and that he would surely arrive soon. How they did wait when he did appear! The Wild Rife band of six pieces furnished music for the occasion, and after the children had enjoyed a Christmas tree to their heart's content, the older children, and this included everyone, turned in and danced until broad daylight, in the morning."



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CHRISTMAS IS CELEBRATED IN ALL CHURCHES

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Capital City churches celebrated Christmas with special programs of song at both the morning and evening services and the story of the birth of Christ was the theme of the sermons. A special feature of the Presbyterian church evening service was the playing of the Chicago Musical Club, composed of six instruments. The club is doing extension work for the University of North Dakota and stopped in the city over Sunday. A silver offering was taken to help with the extension work.

The annual Christmas entertainments given by the Sunday schools were held Saturday evening in the McCabe Methodist and First Baptist churches when special programs were presented by the children of the schools. Christmas trees featured and Santa Claus distributed the gifts. The cantata, "Grandma's Christmas Eve," was given by the children of the Baptist church and was one of the finest entertainments yet given by the schools.



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SCOTT'S EMULSION

son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clark have been visitors at the Thorberg home for several days.

Christmas At Tappen.
Miss H. B. Beach, assistant secretary and actuary for the Provident Life Insurance Co., is spending Christmas with friends at Tappen.

OCCUPIES NEW HOME.
Win S. Mitchell of the state bank examiner's force has moved into his new residence at 902 Sixth street.

Spends Christmas Here.
Prof. S. J. Clark, superintendent of the Faulkton, S. D., city schools, is a Christmas guest at the home of his

Since the Shepherds heard the Angels sing: "On Earth peace, goodwill toward men." Long centuries have passed, but people have not failed to pause just once a year, remembering the song.

The time has come again for observing the old custom

A Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year to All.

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JAMESTOWN COLLEGE TO OPEN BASKETBALL SEASON WITH U. N. D.

Schedule Also Calls For Games With "Aggies" and Fargo College

Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 25. Jamestown college will open the basketball season with the University of North Dakota on January 17, according to the schedule which was announced today and which follows: Jan. 16, University of North Dakota vs. Jamestown, here; Jan. 19, Aberdeen vs. Jamestown, here; Jan. 20, North Dakota "Aggies" vs. Jamestown, at Fargo; Jan. 31, May-

ville normal vs. Jamestown, here; Feb. 7, Fargo college vs. Jamestown, here; Feb. 14, Fargo college vs. Jamestown at Fargo; Feb. 15, Mayville vs. Jamestown at Mayville; Feb. 24, Valley City vs. Jamestown at Valley City; March 3, Valley City vs. Jamestown, here, and March 18, Aberdeen vs. Jamestown.

BASKETBALL RESULTS.
Basketball results: At Glen Ullin, Glen Ullin 15, Hebron 21; at Jamestown, Jamestown high school girls 20, Carrington high school girls 19; at Jamestown, Jamestown high school boys 30, Carrington high school boys 13.

BOOTON OF LEADS BUYS THE MILTON GLOBE
Leeds, N. D., Dec. 25. W. L. Booton, who for the past few months has been employed in the H. Peoples store here, has purchased the Milton Globe from E. W. Peterson and took charge this week.

ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL FOR THE CITY SCHOOLS

Following is the honor roll for the city schools for the last five weeks work.

HIGH SCHOOL.
Alice Webb, Sigrid Alfson, Janet Fogarty, Christine Huber, Anita Marquis, Dorothy Moore, Mary Murray, Blanche Myers, Geneva Perkins, Hazel Pierce, Lillian Thrane, Lucile Allen, Mary Parsons, Albertine Smith, Esther Spetz, Esther Staley, Edna Wachal, Paula Rigler, Helen Gallagher, Irene Hagen, Adolph Erickson, Bertha Rigler.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.
North Ward.
7th Grade Helen Fogarty, Esther Larson, Charles Moses, Mabel Nathan, Mabel Parsons, Beryl Packard, Gertrude Smith, Ruth Staley.
8th Grade Roberta Best, Jerome Conway, Robert George, Kathryn Goddard, Carol Hagen, Mildred Hannan, Louise Huber, Frank Jager, Alice Morrissey, Genevieve Parsons, Alfred

Prater, Mary Slattery, Helen Snow, Boyd Smith, Margaret Smith, Bruce Wallace, Ethel Ward.

GRADE I.
North Ward School.
Amy Brooks, Dorothea Carlson, Mary Erickson, Vincent Gates, George Hannan, Elizabeth Jackson, Clifford Lanskay, Grace McClure, Francis Kuesale, Cleo Packard, Lewis Rustad, Francis Whitely, Vera Pierson, Miss Callahan, teacher.

GRADE II.
North Ward.
Edna Dean, Harold Engen, Anna Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Miriam Taylor, Edna Jensen, Miss Irvine, teacher.

GRADE IVV.
North Ward.
Gwendolyn Jones, George Knowles, Evelyn Martin, Miss Peterson, teacher.

GRADE I.
Will School.
Muriel Reson, Melvin Buck, Marion Chambers, Sadie Eastberg, Max Folsom, Eliza Hall, Luther Kludt, Hugh Mandigo, Alice Meadows, Geraldine Smith, Ogden Ward, Miss Boysen, teacher.

GRADE II.
Will School.
Harold LaRue, Mariys Lehr, Eleanor Murphy, Miss Ruth, teacher.
Constance Silver, Aline Spitzer, Elmer Hanson, Miss Mark, teacher.

GRADE III.
Will School.
Margaret Cook, Marion Folsom, Harriet Hughes, Martha Gertrude Lundquist, John Moses, Earl Swartz, Miss Clemens, teacher.

GRADE III.
Merle Pickering, Ernest Penwarden, Alice Caya, Katherine Ryan, Harry Thompson, Arnold Von Hagen, Margaret Yoken, Isabelle Zenner, Marjorie McCormick, John Gross, Miss Parsons, teacher.

GRADE IV.
Benton Buck, Theodore Bender, Arthur Lottler, Arthur Haas, Herman Logan, Thelma Wallace, Lucile Fisher, Mrs. Casselman, teacher.

GRADE V.
Richard Penwarden, May Hill, Elsie Thrane, Paul Ingledue, Irwin Vigness, Rosemary Lomas, Dorothy Stebbins, Ruth Helen Ward, Stanley Robidoux, John Renner, Dorothy Moses, Miss Erickson, teacher.

GRADE VI.
Alta Jones, Margaret Pearcey, Miss Erickson, teacher.

OUTSIDE GRADES.
Grade VI, Business College.
Eather Agre, Florence Fischer, Myrwin Ode, Eunice Wambaugh, Charlotte Logan.

GRADE IV.
Roger Anderson, Tillie Peterson, Mary Wambaugh, Harold Boyd, Mabel Caya, Esther Fischer, Clara Strutz, Miss Wetherill, teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

GRADE V.
No one on Honor Roll. Miss Nora Peterson, teacher.

GRADE VI.
Margaret Fogarty, Grace Cook, Zelma Harris, Glen Wallace, Myra Nelson, Miss Larson, teacher.

DICKINSON ARMY SUPPORTING BIG POULTRY EXHIBIT

Dickinson is proving especially liberal in its support of the annual exposition of the Missouri Slope Poultry Fanciers' association, to be held in the Bismarck armory, January 31, and February 1 and 2. At a meeting of the executive committee held in the Commercial club rooms Saturday evening, Secretary Frank Milhollan reported that the Stark county seat's commercial club had just advised him that in addition to the generous sums given by individual members, the organization had appropriated \$30 to be awarded in \$10 prizes for the best ten ears of corn from Stark county, for the best bunch of alfalfa from Stark county and in four prizes aggregating \$10 for poultry.

Each of the Dickinson banks has subscribed good-sized cash prizes, and a large number of merchants have contributed.

ROOMS IN BAKER BUILDINGS TAKEN FOR LEGISLATORS
The old Northwest, or the Exposition building, for the first time in years will not be a beehive of committee sessions during the coming general assembly. The reopening of the old Northwest as a hotel by E. G. Patterson necessitates resorting

To The Public

Having leased the Northwest hotel, corner fifth and Main, opposite the McKenzie hotel, I desire to announce to the public that the house will be placed in first-class condition and be ready to receive guests by January 1, 1917. A large crew of men are now at work remodeling and repairing the interior of the hotel, and work will be pushed night and day until the building is ready for occupancy. The hotel will be equipped with forty bath rooms, and will have hot and cold running water, electric lights and steam heat in every room. It will be conducted as a first-class European hotel at moderate prices. Those desiring first class accommodations at low rates, should make their reservations now. Address Aaron Christopher, Head Clerk, McKenzie hotel.

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elsewhere for committee rooms, and the board of control has engaged for the session a half-dozen rooms in the Bismarck Bank building and the large Baker hall, in the building just across the street, on Main.

If more room is needed, it is probable that quarters will be found in the Commercial club building. The board of control believes, however, the chambers now engaged will be found ample. It is anticipated that more work than in any previous session will be done in committee during the Fifteenth general assembly, and the real capital, for the nonce, may be transferred from the bill to the corner of Main and Third.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 In the Matter of the Estate of John Debele, Deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, George Guesser, administrator of the estate of John Debele, late of the City of Bismarck, in the County of Burleigh, and State of North Dakota, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to said administrator, at the office of F. E. McCurdy, in the City of Bismarck, in said Burleigh county, North Dakota. 12-18-15

PICKED UP, ESTRAY
 Black mare, about 7 years old, white star on face, white on left hind foot. LOUIS OLSEN, Menoken, N. D. (12 19, 20; 1 2)

PICKED UP, ESTRAY
 A chestnut bay gelding; weight 1,150 to 1,200; white star on forehead; over nine years old. 12-23-15 L. J. GARSKE.

NOT CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
 Regan Farmer Takes Bride for His Christmas Gift and Gets Best Wishes for Life's Trip.

WILL HOLD ANNUAL SHOW
 The high cost of building is not going to cause the abandonment of the Fargo Home Products show. When it was found that the new floor in the armory would cost \$500, to accommodate the show, it was reported the show would be abandoned. However, the matter was adjusted and it was announced today that the show would be held in connection with the Tri-State Grain Growers convention, in January. Many women from throughout the state sent exhibits to this show.

CREWEL ELECTED PRESIDENT
 CARRINGTON COMMERCIAL CLUB. Carrington, N. D., Dec. 25. L. B. Crewel, manager of the Northwest Telephone company's office here, was last week elected president of the Carrington Commercial club, with William Wiltache as vice president, and N. E. Lendoe as treasurer. The secretary will be named at the next meeting.

MINOT BOYS HAD GREAT CHRISTMAS FEAST
 Minot, N. D., Dec. 25. Newsboys of Minot slipped oyster soup, nibbled at celery and attacked turkey, pudding and a big desert at the dinner given in their honor today by Henry Phillips, who followed his annual custom of feeding the little chaps and their friends on Christmas day. Fifty were fed.

BIRTH OF SON
 A son was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Munro of Broadway in the St. Alexius hospital.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS
 SUNG AT MUNICIPAL TREE CELEBRATIONS

Cold Weather Checked Crowd at Fargo When School Children Raised Voices

OTHER CITIES HOT OUT-DOOR FESTIVAL

Special to the Tribune.
 Mandan, N. D., Dec. 25. Four hundred people attended the municipal Christmas tree program at the Palace theatre last evening, given by the Mandan Musical club. Although all the numbers did not appear as planned, the Christmas cantata, staged under the direction and leadership of R. R. Lutz, offered ample entertainment for all. The entertainment lasted an hour.

It was announced last evening that the outdoor community Christmas tree program will be held this evening. The tree is located in east Northern Pacific park and is beautiful today in decorations, the incandescent lights having been furnished by the Mandan Electric company.

Mrs. A. H. Peterson, president of the Mandan Musical club, stated this morning that if the storm does not increase in proportions before evening the program for the outdoor celebration will be carried out in every detail.

Miss Florence Wilson and Miss Marian Newton have charge of this outdoor feature.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS.
 (Special to the Tribune.)
 Fargo, N. D., Dec. 25. Less than a thousand people participated Sunday night in the community Christmas tree, the cold weather reducing the crowd. Carol singing was participated in by a large group of school children. Bishop John Pointz Tyler led the religious service that was featured.

SEVERAL THOUSAND AT VALLEY CITY CELEBRATION
 Valley City, N. D., Dec. 25. Several thousand gathered around the municipal tree here today and celebrated Valley City's first municipal Christmas. The big tree was wired late Saturday and the current turned on last evening. Every tot in the city got a bag of candy.

MANDOLINS AND GUITARS ON EASY PAYMENTS.
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JORGENSEN RE IS ON PROVISIONAL COURT RULING

State Auditor Probably Will Issue Warrants to Retiring Justices

QUESTION NOW AS TO

ATTITUDE OF STEEN

State Auditor Carl O. Jorgenson, relying upon the decision of the provisional court that retiring justices hold over until the first of January, probably will issue warrants this week to Chief Justice Plisk and Associate Justices Burk and Goss.

These warrants were held up Saturday, when the payroll of other state officials was released at the auditor's direction. Jorgenson asked that no action be taken with regard to the payment of retiring justices' December salaries until his return from the budget board junket upon which he was engaged last week.

Jorgenson's Position. Jorgenson today stated his position as follows:

"The provisional supreme court has ruled that the retiring justices are members of the court this month, and no doubt I will accept that decision as binding, so far as the issuance of salary warrants for December is concerned."

What Will Steen Do. State Treasurer John Steen is spending Christmas at his home in Rugby. His attitude upon the payment of the state's money, of which he is custodian, for salaries which still are in dispute, is now the all-important thing. It was indicated last week that the state treasurer will issue no December salaries to either of the contesting justices until he is directed to do so by some court of competent jurisdiction.

Puzzle picture: Find the court.

Justice-elect James E. Robinson has suggested that the legislature might act as such tribunal.

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Mr. Kritch uses the car on a route which covers eight miles of the city and each day he drives back and forth over this route.

Mr. Kritch has kept a careful record of his expenses in order to find out if he is really making money, and the information he has gathered is of interest to all motorists.

During the 20,000 miles he has averaged slightly more than 20 miles to the gallon of distillate, which he uses in place of gasoline, and he has used only one and one-half sets of tires. He got 17,000 miles out of his front tire and 11,000 miles from the tires on the rear wheels.

The success of Mr. Kritch with distillate has led to many motorists of Los Angeles turning to this fuel as its cost is but nine cents per gallon.

BIG SHIPMENT THORO-BRED STOCK INTO FLASHER

Flasher, N. D., Dec. 25. Within the past 30 days, 65 head of thoro-bred Holsteins, two, three and four-year-olds, all open to registry, have been shipped in here from that famous center, Western Concord, Minn.

STEPS ON RUSTY NAIL: FOOT IS AMPUTATED

Shields, N. D., Dec. 25. Stepping on a rusty nail was the cause which led up to the amputation of Mrs. Michael Volk's foot last week.

HAZARDOUS EXPERIENCE FROM BLIZZARD NEAR CRYSTAL

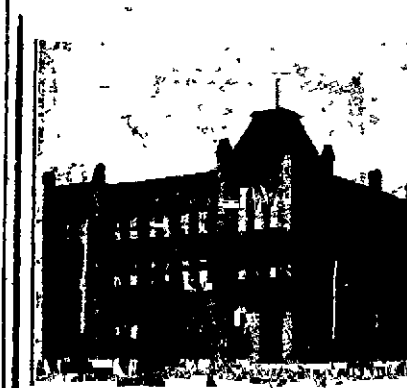
Crystal, N. D., Dec. 25. Tales of hazardous experiences are coming in from the blizzard which swept across this portion of the state the latter part of last week. Floyd Gilman and his mother lost their way, unhitched their horses, and made their way to the Pat O'Toole farm, reaching there exhausted.

John Wholand and his sister, Miss Lizzie Wholand, and Miss Duesetel were returning from town when the storm caught them about 5:30 o'clock. Their team became unmanageable and tipped the sleigh over. They took shelter under the box until the storm

abated.

Arthur, 16 years old, was on his way home from St. Thomas, where he attends school, and was bewildered.

He let the horses go, wrapped himself in the robes and sat in the rig. His father and mother found him in time to save him from freezing to death.



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GREETINGS

AGAIN IT IS CHRISTMAS! And the feeling of good cheer now radiates from all corners of the globe. The very essence of the Christmas season has already entered the souls of men until the worldly cares have vanished and in their place has come the great joy of life. We wish to extend to our patrons the joyous greetings of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the Holiday Season be one round of joys to you, and their happiness made complete by the Yuletide gifts. Again we wish each and every one of our friends a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

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Our Officers and Directors

Wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. We are thankful for the many favors of the passing year and will appreciate continuance of same. That you may enjoy happiness and prosperity in the coming year is our sincere wish

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